

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Docket No. RM2016-4

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS RULEMAKING**
(February 11, 2016)

In Order No. 3005,¹ the Commission initiated this docket to propose changes to its longstanding rules concerning ex parte communications.

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) requests an extension of time of nine working days, until February 29, 2016, to submit its comments on the proposed rulemaking. Weather-related closings in January and federal holidays including the upcoming Presidents' Day holiday have impacted personnel schedules during the time period since Order No. 3005 was issued. At the same time, the Commission's proposed rules raise issues that the Postal Service believes warrant careful consideration and feedback. The requested extension of time will facilitate input from key internal stakeholders whose attention has been necessarily focused on other matters (including other Commission proceedings), and allow the Postal Service to submit constructive comments on what it views as an important topic.

The Postal Service has consulted with the Public Representative assigned to this rulemaking regarding the proposed extension, and has been authorized to represent that the Public Representative does not oppose this motion.

¹ Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Ex Parte Communications, Order No. 3005, Docket No. RM2016-4 (January 8, 2016), 81 Fed. Reg. 1931-1935 (January 14, 2016).

Respectfully submitted,

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